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“Hellenic Models of Excellence: Their Modern Relevance”

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AFGLC Mission Statement

The fundamental mission of the AFGLC (American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture) is to assist in the preservation and enhancement of Greek Culture and Language in the United States through our institutions of higher learning. The Foundation was established by a group of concerned Greeks and Philhellenes across America, whose role is to make available to the present as well as secure for the future the historic and cultural role of the Hellenic tradition and language. We strongly believe that we can most effectively accomplish this by the establishment of “INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTERS OF HELLENIC STUDIES” (ICHS) at various academic institutions on a regular basis across the United States. Each of the ICHS will typically consist of five endowed professors in the following areas:

- Greek Language and Literature
- Greek History
- Greek Culture
- Greek Philosophy
- Byzantine History and Orthodox Religion

The foundation is situated as a nonprofit organization with its headquarters in the State of Florida. Its scope and patronage are envisioned as national and international with particular emphasis on the bonds that exist between Greece and the United States.

AFGLC welcomes people who share with us the conviction that the revival of interest in the Greek Language and the preservation of the Hellenic heritage are of great importance, given the role that both played in the formation of the values and ideas of our beautiful country. It will be a time to rejoice and celebrate when the students in our colleges and universities have once again the opportunity to study the wealth of meanings that have given our western civilization its solid conceptual foundations in philosophy, in language, the arts and the sciences.

We must not forget what the famous philosopher Alfred North Whitehead said: “That all philosophy is but a series of footnotes of Plato” or Sir Henry Summer Maine’s significant remark “except for the blind forces of nature nothing moves on this earth that is not Greek in its origin.”

“If we do not succeed in the rejuvenation and enhancement of Hellenism in the Americas, History will not forgive us.”

–AFGLC
AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. To assist in establishing and enhancing the offering of studies in the Greek language and fields of Greek literature, history, philosophy, art, society and culture at academic institutions.

2. To assist in the establishment of curricula in the Greek language and related fields, especially literature, leading to a baccalaureate degree.

3. To encourage and assist academic institutions in establishing graduate programs in the aforementioned areas of Greek studies.

4. To work with other organizations in the United States whose goals and objectives are to promote and enhance the teaching of the Greek language, Greek literature and Greek culture at academic institutions.

5. To assist academic institutions in the collection of research material and various data pertaining to Greek culture and studies in general.

6. To assist in the creation of archives of Greek American families and organizations who have played important roles in the history of America.

7. To assist in establishing and organizing (a) visiting lecture programs involving prominent scholars in Greek culture and civilization, and (b) exchange programs of prominent scholars in Greek studies between academic institutions in Greece and the United States.

8. To organize seminars, symposia and conferences for the promotion of the aims and objectives of AFGLC.

9. To assist in the publishing of scholarly works on Greek civilization and culture and all the other related fields.

10. To engage in projects and programs involving the aforementioned fields as the Trustees and Directors deem appropriate.

ΑΜΕΡΙΚΑΝΙΚΟ ΙΔΡΥΜΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΓΛΩΣΣΑ ΚΑΙ ΤΟΝ ΠΟΛΙΤΙΣΜΟ
(AIEΓΠ)

ΣΚΟΠΟΙ ΚΑΙ ΣΤΟΧΟΙ

1. Να βοηθήσει στη δημιουργία και ενίσχυση πανεπιστημιακών μαθημάτων που έχουν ως αντικείμενο τους την ελληνική γλώσσα, λογοτεχνία, ιστορία, φιλοσοφία, τέχνη, καθώς και την ελληνική κοινωνία και πολιτισμό.

2. Να δημιουργήσει προγράμματα σπουδών για την ελληνική γλώσσα και σχετικούς τομείς, με ιδιαίτερη έμφαση στη λογοτεχνία, που να οδηγούν στην απόκτηση της πτυχίου.

3. Να ενθαρρύνει και να συνδράμει τα ακαδημαϊκά ιδρύματα στη δημιουργία και ενίσχυση προγραμμάτων στους τομείς που αναφέρονται παραπάνω.

4. Να υποστηρίζει με άλλους οργανισμούς τους Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες που σκοπός τους είναι η προώθηση και η επέκταση της διδασκαλίας της ελληνικής γλώσσας, λογοτεχνίας και πολιτισμού σε ακαδημαϊκά ιδρύματα.

5. Να βοηθήσει τα ακαδημαϊκά ιδρύματα στη συλλογή ερευνητικού ύλικού καθώς και κάθε είδους πληροφορίας που αφορά τον ελληνικό πολιτισμό και την ελληνική εμπειρία γενικά.

6. Να βοηθήσει στη δημιουργία αρχείων των ελληνοαμερικανικών οικογενειών και των οργανώσεων που έχουν διαδραματίσει σημαντικό ρόλο στην ιστορία των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών.

7. Να δημιουργήσει a) προγράμματα διαλέξεων από διακεκριμένους επιστήμονες που μελετούν τις διάφορες πτυχές του ελληνικού πολιτισμού και της ελληνικής κοινωνίας, και b) προγράμματα ανταλλαγών ανάμεσα στα ανωτέρω εκπαιδευτικά ιδρύματα της Ελλάδας και των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών σε επίπεδο διακεκριμένων ερευνητών του Ελληνισμού.

8. Να υποστηρίζει συμμετοχές, συμμετοχές και συνέδρια για την προώθηση των έργων των ΑΙΕΓΠ.

9. Να υποστηρίζει μελέτες για τον ελληνικό πολιτισμό ή άλλα σχετικά αντικείμενα.

10. Να αναλάβει την υλοποίηση σχεδίων και προγραμμάτων που αφορούν τους προαναφερθέντες στόχους, κατά την κρίση της Διοικήσεως του Ιδρύματος.

“AFGLC FORUM 2007”
Under the leadership of Distinguished Professor Chris P. Tsokos, President of AFGLC/IFGLC, the Foundation has received national and international recognition. Moreover, as AFGLC has expanded its mission to include other countries and continents, it has incorporated the International Foundation for Greek Language and Culture (IFGLC), to serve as an umbrella organization, which has the same AFGLC mission and agenda, but it applies to the global advancement of the Hellenic heritage.

“AFGLC FORUM 2007”
“Today, as of old, Greece is of the utmost importance to every man who is seeking to find himself. And perhaps I should add that no people in the world are as much in need of what Greece has to offer as the American people . . . Economically it may seem unimportant, but spiritually Greece is still the mother of all nations, the fountain-head of wisdom and inspiration.”

– Henry Miller
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PROGRAM

Friday, March 2, 2007

University of South Florida / Communication and Information Sciences (CIS) 1048

8:15 am - 9:30 am Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour

9:30 am - 10:30 am Invocation

Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas
Dean Emeritus and Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Welcome, Overview of Program and Recognition of Dignitaries

Prof. John U. Balis
Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology
University of South Florida, Forum Chair and Executive Vice President/Acting President of AFGLC/IFGLC, Tampa, FL

Prof. James F. Strange
Distinguished University Professor and Executive Director of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

10:30 am - 11:30 am Annual AFGLC-ICHS Lecture on Hellenism

“Homer: Epic Poetry and the Homeric Question”

Prof. Richard Janko
Chair and Professor, Department of Classical Studies
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

General Discussion

Coffee Break

“Odysseus as Hellenic Cultural Hero: Overcoming Agamemnon and Achilles by Athena”

Prof. Christos C. Evangelio
Professor of Philosophy
Towson University, Towson, MD

“Hippocrates: The Creation of Practice Standards and Bioethics in Medicine”

Dr. Dennis Laffer
Practicing Physician, Graduate Student in Classics
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Moderator: Prof. John U. Balis
Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology, University of South Florida, Forum Chair and Executive Vice President/Acting President of AFGLC/IFGLC, Tampa, FL

THEME 1 - Models from Ancient Greece

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch
THEME 2 - Models from Byzantium and Modern Greece

Moderator: Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas  
Dean Emeritus and Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

“Introduction: Education in Byzantium”  
Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas

“Blessed Ladies: Women Philosophers in Byzantium from Hypatia to Anna Komnene”  
Prof. Anthony Kaldellis  
Associate Professor of Classics  
Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

“George Papanicolaou: Discovery and Education in Cancer Screening”  
Prof. Santo Nicosia  
Chair and Professor, Department of Pathology and Cell Biology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

5:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
Greetings from the USF College of Medicine  
Prof. Stephen Klasko  
Vice President for USF Health, Dean, College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

THEME 3 - The Role of Hellenic Models in Interdisciplinary Curricula: A panel Discussion

Moderator: Prof. James F. Strange  
Distinguished University Professor and Executive Director of ICHS, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Panelists Include:

Prof. Stephen Klasko  
Vice President for USF Health, Dean, College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Prof. Diane Touliatos  
Professor of Musicology and Director of the Center for Humanities, University of Missouri – St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

Prof. Constantine Papadakis  
President, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

General Discussion – As time permits  
Concluding Remarks  
Prof. James F. Strange  
Distinguished University Professor and Executive Director of ICHS, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Friday Evening Event – 7:00 pm  
Embassy Suites at University of South Florida / 3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612

Mrs. Joanna Hills sings the American and Greek National Anthems.
Prof. Stephen Klasko introduces Keynote Speaker.

Keynote Speaker  
Prof. Constantine Papadakis  
President, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

“The Contribution of Ancient Greece to Technology”  
General Discussion

Honorees of AFGLC Forum 2007  
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Reception

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10:15 am - 12:00 pm
THEME 4 – Historical Vignettes from Arts and Sciences

Moderator: Prof. John D. Noonan
Associate Professor of World Languages, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

“The Herculanum Papyri and the Philodemus Translation Project”
Prof. Richard Janko
Chair and Professor, Department of Classical Studies
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

“The Antikythera Mechanism”
Prof. Ulysses J. Balis
Associate Professor of Pathology and Division Director of Clinical Informatics,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

“Greek Women in Music and in Dance”
Prof. Diane Touliatos
Professor of Musicology, and Director of the Center Humanities, University of Missouri – St. Louis
St. Louis, MO

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch
(Greek Folk Dances by the Hellenic Society of University of South Florida)

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm
THEME 5 – Improving the ICHS model: A panel Discussion

Moderator: Prof. William M. Murray
Gus and Mary Stathis Professor of Greek History, Dept. of History, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Panelists Include:

Prof. Ippokratis Kantzios
Peter and Sophia Kourmolis Associate Professor of Greek Language and Literature, Dept. of World Languages, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Prof. Niki H. Kantzios
Instructor, Dept. of Humanities and American Studies
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Prof. Suzanne P. Murray
Instructor, Dept. of World Languages
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Prof. William M. Murray
Gus and Mary Stathis Professor of Greek History, Dept. of History, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Message from the Athens Center of the IFGLC (International Foundation for Greek Language and Culture), Athens, Greece

Prof. Manolis Bechrakis
Emeritus Professor of Ophthalmology,
University of Patra
President of the IFGLC Center of Greece
Athens, Greece

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2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

THEME 6 – Engaging the Media and the Internet for the Promotion of AFGLC Mission - A panel Discussion

**Moderator**: Prof. Elias Stefanakos  
*Professor and Director, Clean Energy Research Center*  
*College of Engineering*  
*University of South Florida*  
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**Panelists Include**: Above Speakers plus  
**Prof. Michael T. Gibbons**  
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**“Overview”**

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**General Discussion**  
*Coffee Break*

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

THEME 7 – The AFGLC Family Speaks: Thoughts, Constructive Criticism and Recommendations: A Panel Discussion

**Moderator**: Prof. Demetrios Halkias  
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**General Discussion**  
*Summary, Concluding Remarks and Special Acknowledgments*

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The logo of the AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE, AFGLC, is taken from a scene on a cup (found at Vulci in Etruria and currently in the British Museum) painted by the Athenian painter Douris around 480 BC. It shows a school scene where a master unrolls a scroll with an epic verse on it. The verse is in the style of Homer, but does not come from either the *Iliad* or *Odyssey*.

Мοίσα μοι
ἀληθεία Σκάμανδρον
ἐπὶ τὸν ἀρχόμαι
ἀείνι δεν

Muse,
I begin to sing for myself
of fair-flowing Scamander

The design that partially borders the front and back pages of the program was taken from the Elgin Marbles Wing of the British Museum, and illustrates the majestic Meander of the Parthenon frieze. This Hellenic design with its characteristic blue and gold compound undulations was reserved for the most august Athenian state structures. As a variant of the classical Greek key, the meander reflects the continuity of the Hellenic Universe, through the undulating representation of waves and their interplay into the atmosphere.

Recovered off the coast of the Greek Island Antikythera in 1900, the Antikythera Mechanism is without question one of the most astounding technological marvels of the antiquities. Indeed, it is a window into the inventive mind of Classical Greeks.

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